Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application. Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for use in a computer system that effects secure access to a store comprising:

receiving a request to access a data store from a process initiated by a requester on a remote server;

providing said store with an exclusive user id;

initiating a second process responsive to [[a]] said store access request, said second process being accessible by said first process but inaccessible to the requester;

changing a context of the said second process to the user id of said store;

communicating between said second process and said store via private communications channels; and

said first process obtaining data responsive to said store access request.

2. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising: sending the data responsive to said store access request to a downstream process.

3. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising: logging said store access request.

4. (original) A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein sending the data responsive to said store access request to a downstream process further comprises never sending the data to the requestor.

5. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said computer system employs the UNIX operating system and wherein said context changing comprises invoking the UNIX set user id facility.

6. (currently amended) A computer system comprising:

a data store having an exclusive user id in the computer system;

a system for providing secure access to said data store, said system being configured to <u>receive a request for access to said data store from a process initiated by a requester on a remote server, and configured to initiate a second process responsive to said request for access to said data store, said second process being accessible by said first process but inaccessible to the requester,</u> to be <u>said second process being</u> responsive to [[a]] <u>said</u> request for access to said data store by changing its user id to the exclusive user id, <u>said first process obtaining data responsive to said request for access to said data store; and</u>

private communications channels between said system and said data store for communicating and responding to requests for data.

7. (original) A computer system according to claim 6 wherein the system for providing secure access is further configured to provide data from said data store to a downstream process.

8. (original) A computer system according to claim 6 wherein the system for providing secure access is further configured to log requests for access to said data store.